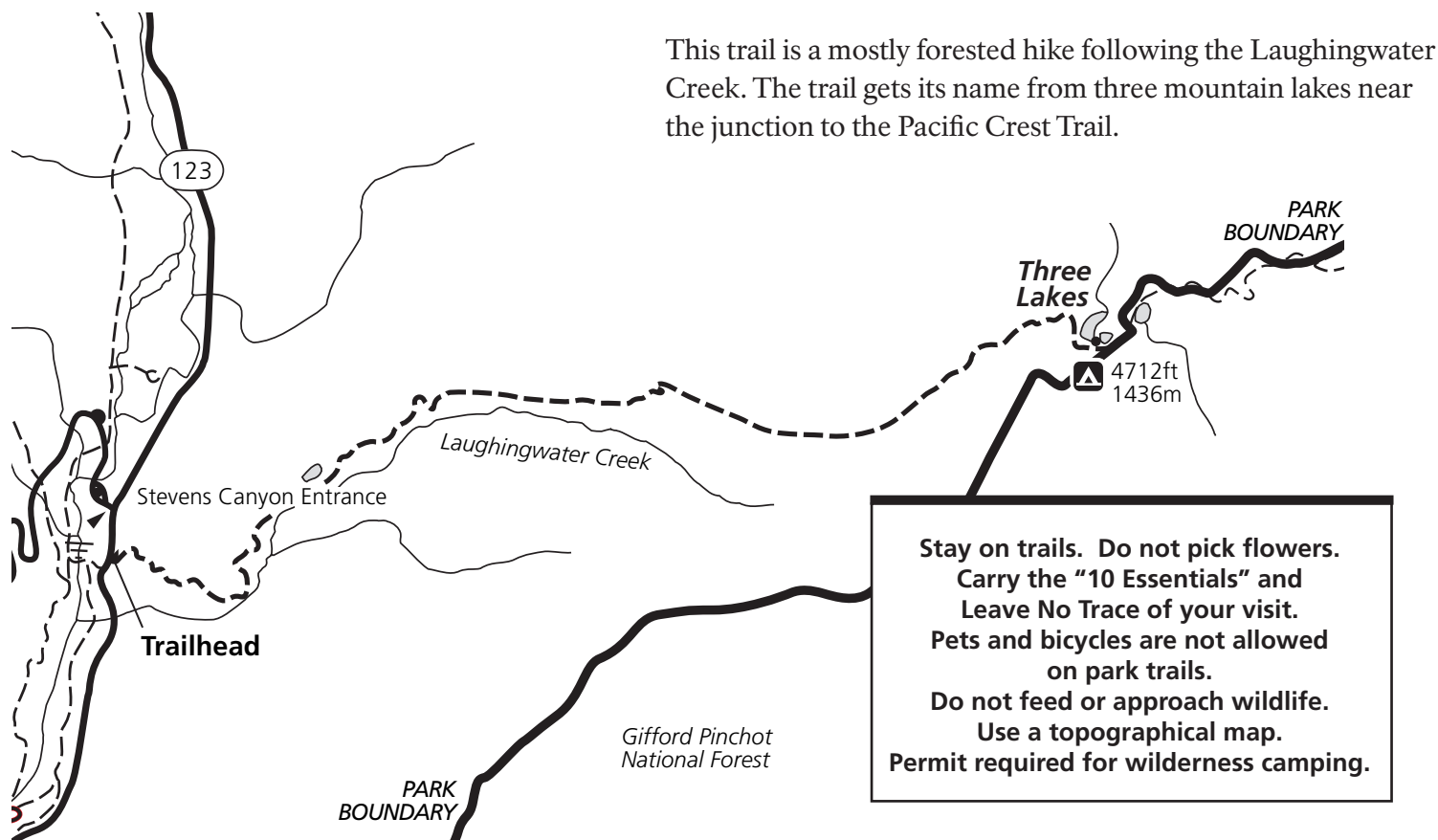


Mount Rainier National Park

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Three Lakes



This trail is a mostly forested hike following the Laughingwater Creek. The trail gets its name from three mountain lakes near the junction to the Pacific Crest Trail.

Stay on trails. Do not pick flowers.
Carry the "10 Essentials" and
Leave No Trace of your visit.
Pets and bicycles are not allowed
on park trails.
Do not feed or approach wildlife.
Use a topographical map.
Permit required for wilderness camping.

Trail Description

Round-trip Distance:
14.6 miles (19.3 km)

Elevation Gain:
2700 feet (823 m)

Hiking Time Round-trip:
6 hours

Difficulty Level:
Moderate

Trailhead: Drive 1 mile (1.6 km) north of Ohanapecosh on SR 123. Park on the west side of the road at Laughingwater Creek. The trailhead is across the highway.



Along the Trail

The trail follows Laughingwater Creek as it leads hikers through the forest. Stop to enjoy the loud soothing sound of the creek from its bank. Atop the ridge hikers will find three small mountain lakes.

Mount Rainier can be seen by taking a short .5 mile (.8 km) hike beyond the third lake and emerging from the forest into an open area.